

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-18 and 20-64 are pending in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to more clearly recite its disclosure. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 21 to more clearly recite the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102, §103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 17, 18, 22-24 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,759,990 to Wahl et al. ("Wahl"). Claims 1, 3, 4, 17, 18, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wahl. Claims 1, 3, 4, 17, 18, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over WO 98/52907. Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejections.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a composition wherein the composition has less than about 5% water by weight of the composition. *See, e.g.*, Specification, page 73, lines 15-21. The above-referenced references do not disclose or suggest compositions of the present invention having less than about 5% water by weight of the composition. Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been overcome.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants to arrange for a telephonic interview in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Please charge any required fees to Procter & Gamble Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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